

connecting the at least one inner and outer layers to the at least one intermediate layer;
and
removing the shrink-wrap material and the substrate;
wherein the at least one inner layer contains a plurality of layers, the at least one outer layer contains a plurality of layers, or the at least one inner and outer layers contain a plurality of layers.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, and 21-38 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended the claims to better comply with the Office's requirements, make the claims more internally consistent, as well as to more particularly set forth the claimed subject matter.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Hagemeister

The Office has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, 11, 21-23, 35, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hagemeister et al., for the reasons listed on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

All of the independent claims currently recite a structural member containing inner and outer sections (or at least one inner layer and outer layer) made of metal-containing material, either or both of which contain a plurality of layers, as well as an intermediate layer having a honeycomb structure.

The Office, however, has not substantiated that Hagemeister et al. teach or suggest the claimed invention. Indeed, the Office as much as admitted that Hagemeister et al. did not teach such a combination of limitations by indicating that claim 10 contained allowable subject matter.

Thus, the Office has not established that Hagemeister et al. anticipate the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Gregg

The Office has rejected claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Gregg for the reasons listed on page 3 of the Office Action. Applicant has canceled claim 41. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Herbert

The Office has rejected claims 16 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Herbert for the reasons listed on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Applicant has canceled claims 16 and 41. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Frease

The Office has rejected claims 34-35 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Frease for the reasons listed on page 4 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

All of the independent claims currently recite a structural member containing inner and outer sections (or at least one inner layer and outer layer) made of metal-containing material, either or both of which contain a plurality of layers, as well as an intermediate layer having a honeycomb structure.

The Office, however, has not substantiated that Frease teaches or suggests the claimed invention. Indeed, the Office as much as admitted that Frease does not teach such a combination of limitations when it indicated that claim 10 contained allowable subject matter.

Thus, the Office has not established that Frease anticipates the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Frease, Ohrn, & Cappa

The Office has rejected claims 12-13, 15-20, and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Frease, Ohrn, and Cappa for the reasons listed on pages 5-7 of the Office Action. Applicant has canceled claims 12-13, 15-20, and 39-41. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Office for indicating that claims 31- 33 and 36-38 are allowable. Minor amendments have been made to some of these claims to make their language more internally consistent.

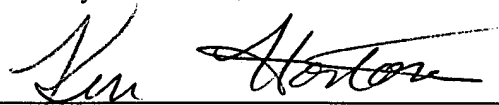
Applicant thanks the Office for indicating that claims 4, 5, 6, 10 and 25-30 contain allowable subject matter. To that end, Applicant has canceled claim 10 and added its subject matter to the pending independent claims. Thus, the pending claims should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, as well as those of record, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to withdraw the pending grounds of rejection and allow the pending claims.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, including a fee for any extension of time not accounted for above, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0013\40010-0004.

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